

Uruguayan Certified Natural Meat Process Verified Program

Customers may request a copy of the ARC Branch Notification of Audit Results from the company.

Program Requirements

1. Source verification of animals and products. All cattle can be fully traced from ranch to harvest, fabrication and packaging. Identification of animals is by means of individual plastic eartags.
2. No hormones used. No growth hormones of any kind or equivalent growth promotants have ever been administered to the animals. These are prohibited in the country by national law since 1984.
3. Not fed antibiotics. No sub-therapeutic antibiotics have been fed or administered as a supplement in feed or water for the purpose of growth promotion.
4. No animal proteins in feed. The animals have never been fed proteins of animal origin except maternal milk. The use of animal proteins in feed is prohibited in the country by national law since 1996.
5. Grass fed. All animals in the program have been grown, raised and fattened on a grass diet. Restricted supplementation levels are accepted to support grazing.
6. Animals never confined. Animals have never been confined to yards or feedlots at any time in their lives, and are raised grazing in open pastures year round.

The program is certified by CERTICARNES, a Certification Body which is a Technical Department of the National Meat Institute of Uruguay.

The program was created by and is property of the National Meat Institute of Uruguay

USDA Information:

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMANCE

United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Livestock and Seed Program

Instituto Nacional de Carnes (INAC) CERTICARNES Montevideo, Uruguay

has met the requirements of a

USDA Process Verified Program

<http://processverified.usda.gov/>

and is entitled to market products under this system as "USDA Process Verified" for the scope of

Certified Natural Meat Program

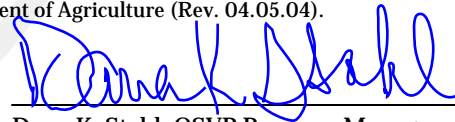
as described in the

CERTICARNES Quality Manual

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This certificate does not excuse failure to comply with any of the regulatory laws enforced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Rev. 04.05.04).

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